

Hearing Outcomes
Subcommittee No. 3
10:00 am, Thursday, March 15, 2007

Vote-Only Agenda

5175 Department of Child Support Services

- Vote-Only Issue 1: Employer Data File Maintenance
Action: Approve as budgeted.
Vote: 3-0
- Vote-Only Issue 2: Transfer of General Fund Authority from the Department of Justice
Action: Approve as budgeted.
Vote: 2-0
- Vote-Only Issue 3: Office of Audits and Compliance
Action: Approve as budgeted.
Vote: 3-0

0530 California Health and Human Services Agency

- Vote-Only Issue 4: Child Welfare Leadership and Performance Accountability Act of 2006
Action: Approve as budgeted.
Vote: 2-1 (Cogdill)

Discussion Agenda

5180 California Department Social Services (DSS)

- DSS Issue 1: Children and Family Services Review
Action: Approved as budgeted.
Vote: 3-0
- DSS Issue 2: Improving Child Welfare Services Outcomes
Action: Approved the following: 1) the two positions for increasing child safety; 2) the conversion of the four limited-term positions to permanent for improving permanency; and 3) the one position for improving well-being funded with Mental Health Services Act funds.
Vote: 3-0

1. The Subcommittee requested a copy of the UC Davis report.
 2. The Subcommittee requested the vacancy rates and turnover rates of social workers.
- DSS Issue 3: Child Welfare Services Social Worker Standards and Budget Methodology
Action: Held open.
 1. The Subcommittee directed the Department to report back to subcommittee staff within one week on when the overdue assessment will be provided to the Legislature.
 - DSS Issue 4: Title IV-E Waiver
Action: Approved state operations as budgeted. Held open local assistance and LAO BBL until May Revision.
Vote: 2-0
 - DSS Issue 5: Kinship Guardian Assistance Program
Action: Approved TBL. Directed DSS, DOF, CWDA, and subcommittee staff to work out the clean-up issues and come back as necessary.
Vote: 2-0
 - DSS Issue 6: Transitional Housing Placement Program
Action: Held open until May Revision.
 - DSS Issue 7: State Support for Adoptions
Action: Approved the following: 1) For AB 2488 implementation, one position on a permanent basis and two positions for two-year limited-term; 2) For SB 1393 implementation, one Staff Counsel and one analyst position on a two-year limited-term basis; 3) For SB 1758 implementation, one analyst position on a permanent basis; and 4) For implementing the Hague Convention treaty, the one requested analyst position on a two-year limited-term basis.
Vote: 2-0

0350 Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)

- HHSA Issue 1: Office of System Integration – CWS/CMS
Action: Held open funding for M&O of current system, pending resolution of LAO questions. Held open funding for new system.

5175 Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)

- DCSS Issue 1: California Child Support Performance
Action: No action taken on this informational item.

1. The Subcommittee requested that the Department provide a plan describing why California does so poorly on arrearage collections and cost effectiveness measures and what actions the Department will take to improve those measures; report back at May 3 hearing.
- DCSS Issue 2: Child Support Automation
Action: Approved as budgeted.
Vote: 2-0
 - DCSS Issue 3: Mandatory Parental Fees
Action: Approved as budgeted. Adopted LAO SRL.
Vote: 2-0
 - DCSS Issue 4: Performance Incentive Funding
1. **Action:** Held open.
 - DCSS Issue 5: Local Child Support Agency Funding
Action: Held open.
 - DCSS Issue 6: Options for Child Support Disregard
Action: No action taken on this informational item.